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Applicant(s): Cohen et al.)
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For: CONTROL OF PROTEIN SYNTHESIS)
AND SCREENING METHOD FOR)
AGENTS)

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the May 25, 2001 Notice to File Missing Parts issued in connection with the above identified application. A response to the Notice was originally due July 25, 2001. However, this Amendment is accompanied by a Petition for Extension of Time (4 months) and therefore a response is now due November 25, 2001.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the Specification:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121(b)(iii), a marked-up copy of the following amended paragraphs on a separate sheet accompanies this amendment.

Replace the paragraph on page 4, lines 8-19, with the following new paragraph:

The present invention also provides a novel peptide comprising the amino acid sequence Arg-Xaa-Arg-Yaa-Zaa-Ser/Thr-Hyd (SEQ ID NO:4), where Xaa is any amino acid, Yaa and Zaa are any amino acid (preferably not glycine), and Hyd is a large hydrophobic residue such as Phe or Leu, or a functional equivalent thereof. Represented in single letter code, a suitable peptide would be RXRX'X'S/TF/L (SEQ ID NO:4), where X' can be any amino acid, but is preferably not glycine; glycine can in fact